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**SELECTIONS FROM THE CAMPBELL PAPERS.**

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(From originals in Collection of Virginia Historical Society.)

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CINCINNATI.**

Dear General:

It was not untill some time in Decem<sup>r</sup> or Jan<sup>y</sup> that we saw your advertisement requesting the Virginia Officers who wished to become Members of the Cincinnati Society to attend at Fredericksburgh on the 1st October, or knew anything of the formation of that honorable Society. At which time we did ourselves the honor of writing you, expressive of our desires to become members and requesting that you would be so obliging as to inform us what was necessary to be done or in what manner we were to conduct ourselves to become so, but the Winter setting in so very severe at that time, block'd up the Bay & entirely prevented us sending it and not untill now have we had an opportunity of conveying a Letter.

As we had never seen your advertisement untill the expiration of the time they were to meet or know any thing, of the formation of the Society we hope our non attendance there or Omissions to sign the Rules of the Society untill this day may not operate against us, as an exclusion from that Institution would occasion a most mortifying disappointment.

We most ardently desire to become parties to the Institution, and will esteem it a very singular favor to inform us what is necessary to be done to become so, As we are so entirely cut off from the other part of the State that we are still ignorant what is, or what is necessary to be done. We beg leave to recommend the Rev. Samuel S. McCroskey as a person distinguished by patriotism & abilities, who wishes to become an honorary member & we conceive would do honor to the Society and hope may be admitted. Our names, rank and time of service we have sent

you & hope you will do or direct to be done with them what you find necessary.

We are, dear sir,  
with much esteem & respect,  
your most obed<sup>t</sup> servants,

SMITH SNEAD, Maj<sup>r</sup>, serv'd from the beginning to end of war.

CUSTIS KENDALL, Cap<sup>t</sup>, from 1st June, 1776 to the end.

EDWARD DUFF, Surgeon, in Service four years.

JOHN ROBINS, Lieut., in Service 7 years.

NATH'L DARBY, Lieut., " 7 do.

N. B. We beg leave to observe that we have five officers in this County & conceive that we have a right agreeable to the Constitutions to an Honary Member.

Addressed to:

General Peter Mughlenburg.

DR. GEORGE GILMER TO COL. THEODERICK BLAND, JR.

Dear Sir:

Col. Fountain informs me that there are returned twenty odd sick, several very ill, & requests my attendance, lame & without a horse am at a loss how to get to the Barracks unless you'll be kind enough to lend me any old horse, which shall be restored at night. The six Barracks for a temporary hospital are not yet fitted up, if it meet with your approbation should prefer six barracks made by the Militia detached from the main Barracks, & shall give direction to the quarter Master accordingly, soon as the sick get collected will procure necessarys or appoint a person for that purpose. If any live it may revive the people. Adieu.

GEORGE GILMER.

16 June, 1779.

P. S. Ashamed of troubling you, sed durum tetum est recipitas. Another bottle brandy If you please, which shall be returned in a day or two.

Col. Bland, Charlottesville.

## ROBERT ANDERSON TO COL. BLAND.

Louisa, July the 6th, 1779.

Sir:

The Bearer has the care of four Deserters from the Convention troops at the Barracks, who came before me yesterday morning & Desir'd to become citizens of this state, and accordingly took the oath of Allegiance to this commonwealth. The conduct of these men have since been so suspicious that I have sent them, together with the evidence against them, for your honor's Determination. If I have done wrong in administering the oath to them, should be glad, sir, to know it from you that I may in like cases be Better Enabled to Regulate my future conduct.

I am y'r Honor's Most obedient Humble Serv't,

ROBT. ANDERSON.

Col. Bland,

Commander in Chief of the Barracks.

## COL. WILLIAM FINNIE TO COL. BLAND.

W<sup>m</sup>Burg, Sep. 6, 1777.

Sir:

I have this day despatched the bearer, Joseph Ireland, Waggoner, with what necessarys I could procure for the Commissary of Stores agreeable to the \* \* the books \* \* detachm't shall be sent you the moment they can be procured, which the Board of War this day assured me.

I am sir, your most ob't Serv't,

WM. FINNIE, D. Q. M. G.

Addressed:

Col. Bland, Commandant, Charlottesville.

[Endorsed]

Letters from Col. Finnie & Southall, accompanying the cloathing, &c., for L. Dragoons & Infantry.

No. 11. Secretary of War to acknowledge his letter of the 2d of Dec<sup>r</sup>.

No. 12. Captain Smith, Secret'y to the Command. in chief, inclosing a letter to Capt<sup>a</sup> Laird, agent for the Port of New York.

## COL. FINNIE TO COL. BLAND.

W<sup>m</sup>Burg, June 4, 1779.

Sir:

I have just \* \* \* you a few lines informing you that theres large quantity of Continent<sup>l</sup> Cloathing at Winchester in the hands of Col<sup>o</sup> David Kennedy, which Col<sup>o</sup> Temple informs me are ready made and in good order. we have rec'd an answer last evening from the Southard that Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln has given the British a total defeat, w<sup>ch</sup> we flatter ourselves is true, tho' no certain intelligence, it comes differ<sup>t</sup> ways by private hands. the prospect of this Express I must refer you to the inclosed Ms sent to Capt. Rice on writing paper, Books & I shall forward by the first opportunity.

I am with respect your ob<sup>t</sup> hble serv<sup>t</sup>,

WM. FINNIE, D. Q. M. G.

Addressed:

Col. Theod<sup>k</sup> Bland, Commandant, Charlottesville.

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 GENERAL PHILLIPS TO COL. BLAND.

Maj<sup>r</sup> General Phillips sends his Compliments to Colonel Bland, having met the Dragoon he sent with his letters when on the point of taking an airing on Horse back, it prevents the Major General from answering the Colonel's letter immediately, but will do it to morrow.

Colonel Masters', July 22d, 1779.

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 GENERAL PHILLIPS TO COL. BLAND.

Colonel Carter's House, July 31, 1779.

Sir:

I some days ago received from you an account of a complaint exhibited with deposition on oath by an Inhabitant of Virginia against some servants of officers who live upon the estate of Captain Jones. Immediately sent to enquire into the affair and received from Lieutenant Johnson, the officer who Captain Jones's Overseer asserts ordered the servant to beat him, his Report in Writing, and upon honour, of the affair, which report he offers to confirm upon oath if necessary.

I directed Lieutenant Johnston as a mark of attention to you

to wait upon you with his declaration in writing, that he might be ready to answer any questions you might have to ask him upon the occasion and to know from you what \* \* \* you should chuse to have \* the affair.

You have been pleased to inform Lieutenant Johnson that you had nothing to do with what he should say upon the occasion, and that you expected I should inquire into the affairs and inform you of the particulars. I really, Sir, am little at a loss to know what you wish should be done, for in my poor conception of common occurrences, the sending you a written declaration of the complaint in question might serve to shew I had inquired into the affairs, and sending it by an officer to further directions would appear I conceive in general as a mark of the most punctilious compliment to your situation.

As it is I send you, Sir, Lieutenant Johnson's Report to me, and you will have to act upon the occasion as you see proper. I apprehend the affirmation of an officer upon honour, with an offer to make it on oath if necessary, would be esteemed in most parts of the world of \* \* force to any Counter equal testimony whatever; how far it may open \* here I cannot possibly say, or whether the matter is to be taken up in civil courts of Justice or to be decided \* you. I have nothing further to say upon the subject.

I am, Sir, Your humble Servant,

W. PHILLIPS.

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GENERAL PHILLIPS TO COL. BLAND.

Colonel Carter's House, September 13th, 1779.

Sir:

Having signed my name to the parole you were pleased to send me, I delivered it to Colonel Mersereau who was present at my signing of it.

I request to know, Sir, if you have any objection to my setting out on my journey to New York at such time as I may consult with Colonel Mersereau upon as I consider with your permission to be, now, under that Gentleman's care. I shall be much obliged to you, Sir, for my Passports.

I am, Sir, Your most humble servant,

W. PHILLIPS.

## GENERAL PHILLIPS TO COL. BLAND.

Colonel Carter's House, Sept. 19th, 1779.

Sir:

I have received a Report from Mr. Commissary General Clarke a copy of which I send to you inclosed.

I have no doubt but that the matter contained in it will be speedily redressed and that you will, Sir, direct the American Commissaries to take the most Effectual means to procure supplies of Provisions. I do not mean to make this a letter of complaint of this affair and have only to observe that if in this moderate and fine season the proper supplies of Provisions cannot be obtained it is greatly to be apprehended that any bad consequences will attend the want of magazines and stores of Provisions in the approaching Winter when much bad weather may with certainty be expected.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

W. PHILLIPS.

Colonel Bland.

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Memorandum. The publick letters not to be sealed except the outward cover directed to Captain Smith.

The private letters to be all sealed if Colonel Bland allows of them to be passed, and, it is requested of him to write upon the back of the two Packets which will contain these letters:

“Examined by me, sealed in my presence and permitted to pass.”

Major General Phillips assures Colonel Bland there is nothing contained in the letters contrary to the faith of that parole he has signed to.

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GEN'L PHILLIPS' MEM. OF LETTERS FOR COL. TO PASS,  
JUNE 14, 1779.

Public Letters.

No. 1. Lord George Germaine, inclosing a copy of a letter to the Secretary at War.

No. 2. Secretary at War.

No. 3. Major General Amherst inclosing a copy of a letter to the Secretary at War.

No. 4. Sir Henry Clinton, inclosing a copy of a letter to the Secretary at War.

No. 5. Sir Henry Clinton, concerning Canada, Clothing & Prisoners of War.

No. 6. General Haldiman, concerning German, Clothing & Prisoners of War.

No. 7. Captain Wilson, concerning his Exchange.

No. 8. To Sir Henry Clinton, of the present Situation of the Army.

No. 9. Sir Henry Clinton, respecting Lt. Governor Hamilton, enclosing a copy of the Secretary of War's letter in answer to the memorial of the officers of Convention.

No. 10. Letter to John Robinson, Esq., inclosing one to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

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MAJOR GEORGE FOSTER TO MAJOR LUKE.

Sir:

I have received Colonel Bland's Letter by an officer of yours, & that it is impossible for me to receive him into the Reg<sup>t</sup> again as Major General Phillips' orders of the 6th of July absolutely forbid receiving Deserters, A copy of which I have the honour of Inclosing you.

“General Orders, July 6th, 1779.

“Major General Phillips is exceedingly concerned & surprised to find that Desertion has again taken place among the Troops of Convention, he has so often given his Sentiments upon this Occasion & his order must be so full in the memory of the men that it would be in vain & needless to repeat them. The Major General again declares that he will not receive Deserters into the Troops of Convention.”

Duncan Young deserted with some others & having never shewn any Desire to return to his Regiment, was struck off, of course with the rest, his Intention of Deserting appearing very plain, as prior to his going off he had disposed of all his necessities except his Regimental coat & Breeches & an Empty



knapsack, & that he was absent Three days before he was struck off the strength of the Regiment. I have the honor to be,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Humble serv<sup>t</sup>,

GEO. FOSTER,  
Major Com<sup>r</sup> 21st Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Charlottesville Barracks, Sept. 25, 1779.

To Major Luke.

RETURN OF THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS AND SERVANTS  
BELONGING TO MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIPS  
AND HIS FAMILY.

Major General Phillips.

Edward Thacker, } Soldier Royal Artillery.  
                              } Servants.

Francis Cocks, } not a soldier.

John Smith, } German Artillery drivers.  
                              } grooms.

John Keyser, } German Artillery drivers.

Mr. William Smith, Steward to Major General Phillips and  
with the Baggage & the following Servants:

Robert O'Brien, } 24th Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Thomas Adison, } Servants.

Lieutenant Noble, aid-de-camp.

John Portens, } Soldier 21st Reg<sup>t</sup>.

                              } Servants—Soldiers.

Thomas Donovan, } Soldier 21st Reg<sup>t</sup>.

The Rev'd Mr. Trudell, Chaplain.

Richard Holt, } Soldier 21st Reg<sup>t</sup>.

                              } Servants—Soldiers.

Murdock Campbell, } Soldier 21st Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Lieutenant Collier, Secretary.

James Shephard, } Royal Artillery.

                              } Servants—Soldiers.

Samuel Poiston, } Royal Artillery.

Lieut. Bibbey, Dep. Adj. General.

James Annets, } Soldier 24th Reg<sup>t</sup>.

                              } Servants—Soldiers.

Lawrence Fox, } Soldier 24th Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Lieut. Campbell, Ass. Qur. Mas'r General.

George Atkinson, } Soldier 26th Reg't.  
 } Servants—Soldiers.  
 Aran Westwood, } Soldier 24th Reg't.  
 Cap. V \* \* \*, Ass. Qu'r Mas'r General.

The above are the names of the officers & Servants that compose Major General Phillips' family.

BIBBY, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Charlottesville, 11th September, 1779.

This was delivered me by the Adj't Gen. of the troops of Convention (British).

THEOD'K BLAND, Charlottesville.

Return of the names of the Servants that go with the Baggage and to be included in Mr. Smith's pass.

Robert O'Brien, Thos. Adison, Thos. Donovan, Murdoch Campbell, Samuel Pointess, Lawrence Fox, Aran Westwood, John Williams.

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**Notes from the Council and General Court Records,  
1641-1682.**

BY THE LATE CONWAY ROBINSON, ESQ.

(CONCLUDED)

Genl. Court Bonds, &c., 1677 to 1682. p. 203. King's letter of the 5 of Nov., 1676, to S'r Henry Chicheley regarding the sending forces and the appointment of Jeffreys as Lieut. Gov'r.

P. 1. Proclamation of Herbert Jeffreys, Governor, dated 24 Jan'y, 1677-8, putting off Assembly to the 20th of the month.

1, 2, 3. King's letters patent of the 8th of July, in the 27th year of his reign, appointing Thomas, Lord Culpeper, Lieut. & Gov. Genl. of Virginia to take effect after the death of S'r Wm. Berkeley. Lord Culpeper sworn at Whitehall, 20 of July, 1677.

4. Lord Culpeper's power of attorney of the 6th of Oct'o, 1677, appointing Col'o Nicholas Spencer and Col'o Daniel Parke<sup>es</sup> his attorneys to receive his dues. Spencer on the death of Parke appointed alone.